(c) whether it would be made mandatory for all the schools and colleges to include these courses in their system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Environmental Education is being introduced as a compulsory subject in schools for the Class I to XII. University Grants Commission (UGC) has also prepared a Six Month Compulsory Core Module Course on Environmental Studies for Undergraduate Courses, for all Universities/Colleges of India. Life Science (Biology) is already a part of the existing school curricula upto secondary stage.

(b) On 13.7.2004, the Supreme Court directed that the syllabus of Environmental Education prepared by NCERT would be adopted by every State in their schools. Further, the NCERT was appointed as a nodal agency to supervise the implementation of the Supreme Courts order. Syllabus of Environmental Education prepared by NCERT has already been circulated to all StatesAJTs and they are making preparation for its implementation from the next academic session *viz.* 2005-06. UGC has circulated a 'Syllabus for Environmental Studies' to all the universities/colleges for its compulsory implementation from the academic year 2003-04.

(c) Yes Sir, as per Supreme Court's order dated 13.7.2004, it would be mandatory for every State to adopt the syllabus of Environmental Education prepared by NCERT for Class I to XII in their respective schools and by the universities/colleges to adopt the Six Month Compulsory Core Module Course on Environmental Studies for Undergraduate Courses prepared by University Grants Commission (UGC) in all the streams at undergraduate level.

Funds under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†1242. SHRI ABU ASIMAZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all the State Governments have been allotted funds for "Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan" during last few years;

(b) if so, amounts allotted during 2002-03 and 2003-04 to U.R, Bihar and Maharashtra; and

(c) the percentage of the funds utilised each year by these States?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir, except Goa.

(b) and (c) The amounts released by Government of India during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04 to the States of U.R, Bihar and Maharashtra and utilised by them are as follows:—

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl. No	State	2002-03			2003-04		
		Amount released byGoI	Amount utilised (includes State share and opening balance)	%	Amount released byGoI	Amount utilised (includes State share and opening balance)	%
1	U.R	20245.4	22061.21	109	34043.3	47427	139
2	Bihar	7914.97	3452.41	44	19515.75	24689.41	127
3	Maharashtra	11000	9671.41	88	20526.67	33387.44	163

Absence of Central Educational Institutions/Medical Colleges in Himachal Pradesh

1243. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh does not have any significant Central Educational Inst'rtutions/University/Medical Colleges; and

(b) whether Government would initiate any action to put Himachal Pradesh at par with the other States in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), apart from Central Educational Institutions, namely, National Institute of Technology, Hamirpur and Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, there are four universities established under the State Act and 45 colleges/institutions, including one Medical College, namely, Indira Gandhi Medical College, Shimla, recognized by the UGC in Himachal Pradesh.